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<> <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>: AFP SAYS GUERRILLAS ATTACK SOVIET TERRITORY

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<> ((TEXT)) ISLAMABAD, MARCH 26 (AFP) -- THE <><>AFGHAN<><> CONFLICT
<> APPEARS TO TAKE A NEW INTERNATIONAL SHAPE AS <><>AFGHAN<><> GUERRILLAS
<> REPORT STAGING ATTACKS AND SUPPLY RAIDS INSIDE SOVIET TERRITORY
<> AND THE <><>AFGHAN<><> GOVERNMENT STEPS UP AIR BOMBINGS ON GUERRILLA
<> REFUGEE CAMPS IN PAKISTAN.

<> <><>AFGHAN<><> AIR FORCE RAIDS ON PAKISTANI BORDER TOWNS ON
<> FEBRUARY 26-27 AND THIS WEEK HAVE KILLED ABOUT 300 PEOPLE,
<> MOSTLY <><>AFGHAN<><> REFUGEES, AUTHORITIES HERE SAY. <><>KABUL<><> DENIES THE
<> BOMBING RAIDS.

THE RAIDS ARE INTENDED TO PRESSURE PAKISTAN INTO A BETTER
<> "UNDERSTANDING" OF <><>KABUL<><>'S PEACE OFFERS TO THE GUERRILLAS,
<> ESPECIALLY THE UNILATERAL CEASE-FIRE STARTED ON JANUARY 15 AS
<> PART OF A "NATIONAL RECONCILIATION" PLAN, WESTERN SPECIALISTS

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HERE SAY. MOST GUERRILLA GROUPS HAVE REJECTED THE PLAN.

THE SPECIALISTS STRESS THAT LAST MONTH'S AIR RAIDS COINCIDED WITH A ROUND OF INDIRECT TALKS IN GENEVA BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND

<> <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>, SPONSORED AND MEDIATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS AND STARTED IN 1982.

<> THE TALKS ARE SAID TO BE BLOCKED BY DIFFERENCES ON A TIMELINE FOR THE PULLOUT OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM <><>AFGHAN<><> TERRITORY.

BUT THE AIR-RAID ESCALATION, THE SPECIALISTS SAY, WAS ALSO A RESPONSE TO OPERATIONAL AND ARMAMENT IMPROVEMENTS BY THE MOSLEM-DOMINATED GUERRILLAS DURING THE PAST YEAR, WHICH HAVE ALLOWED IT TO STAGE SPECTACULAR ATTACKS ON SOVIET TROOPS IN

<> <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>.

THE IMPROVEMENTS REPORTEDLY HAVE ALSO LED THE GUERRILLAS TO VENTURE INTO SOVIET TERRITORY FOR AT LEAST ONE ATTACK, ON MARCH 9, AS WELL AS FOR ESTABLISHING LINKS WITH SOVIET MOSLEMS NEAR THE BORDER.

SOURCES IN THE REBELS' ISLAMIC JAMAAT PARTY SAID THE GUERRILLAS STAGED A ROCKET ATTACK AROUND EMAM SAHIB, A TOWN ON THE SOVIET-AFGHAN BORDER. THE SOURCES DID NOT SPECIFY THE ATTACK'S TARGETS OR WHETHER THEY HAD BEEN HIT.

THEY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE ATTACK SPARKED A REPRISAL BY SOVIET TROOPS COMING DIRECTLY FROM SOVIET TERRITORY ACROSS THE SOVIET-AFGHAN BORDER, APPARENTLY FOR THE THIRD TIME IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS.

<> A GUERRILLA REPORT PUBLISHED IN SOUTHERN PAKISTAN ON MONDAY SAID THAT ABOUT 150 PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN ANOTHER SUCH REPRISAL IN THE NORTHWESTERN <><>AFGHAN<><> REGION OF MURGHAB.

<> THE SOVIETS ARRIVED IN A 150-VEHICLE CONVOY BACKED BY HELICOPTERS, THE REPORT SAID, AFTER THE GUERRILLAS HAD SEIZED ALL <><>AFGHAN<><> GOVERNMENT OUTPOSTS, KILLING OR WOUNDING SEVERAL SOLDIERS, IN THE PREVIOUS DAYS.

<> ANOTHER SOVIET REPRISAL ATTACK BY TROOPS COMING DIRECTLY FROM THE SOVIET UNION TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 7 IN THE NORTHERN <><>AFGHAN<><> PROVINCE OF TAKHAR AFTER THE GUERRILLAS HAD STAGED A SUCCESSFUL RAID ON THE DISTRICT'S MILITARY HEADQUARTERS, THE GUERRILLA-LINKED ISLAMIC <><>AFGHAN<><> NEWS AGENCY SAID.

SOURCES IN THE GUERRILLA JAMAAT ISLAMI PARTY SAID DOZENS OF SOVIET HELICOPTERS CARRIED TROOPS FROM THE SOVIET UNION ON MARCH 15 FOR A REPRISAL ATTACK IN THE NORTHERN KUNDUZ PROVINCE WHICH LEFT "HUNDREDS" OF PEOPLE DEAD.

<> WESTERN DIPLOMATS HAVE SAID HERE IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS THAT SOVIET TROOPS HAVE BEEN MASSING NEAR THE <><>AFGHAN<><> BORDER, BUT THEY HAD NOT MENTIONED THE REPORTED REPRISALS AGAINST THE <><>AFGHAN<><> GUERRILLAS.

GUERRILLA SOURCES IN PESHAWAR, WESTERN PAKISTAN, SAID THAT THE REBELS HAVE STEPPED UP INFILTRATION RAIDS INTO SOUTHERN SOVIET REPUBLICS WHOSE POPULATION IS MAINLY MOSLEM.

<> THE SOURCES SAID THE GUERRILLAS OFTEN CONTACT PEOPLE WHOSE ANCESTORS WERE MEMBERS OF THE <><>AFGHAN<><> REBEL'S FAMILY, AND GIVE THEM COPIES OF THE KORAN IN RUSSIAN. THE GUERRILLAS ALSO ATTACK AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL WARPHOUSES AND TAKE THEIR

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<> LOOT BACK TO <><>AFGHANISTAN<><>.

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